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SENATOR ERDMAN: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 935.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion is to adopt the E & R amendments. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vrtiska would move to amend, AM3112. (Legislative Journal page 959.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Vrtiska, you're recognized to open on your amendment, AM3112 to LB 935.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My amendment was originally LB 558, which was a very simple clean-up bill for the election laws. It provides for the elimination of requirement the election commission to provide satellite registration sites in cities and villages. It does another...a number of areas in the...that are just standard clean-up provisions in the bill. It changes the pay rate for school board election workers from \$4.25 to reflect the minimum wages paid to other election. And, finally, the provision in the bill regarding absentee voters, it specifies that absentee ballots must be picked up one hour before the polls close. These are...this bill was brought to me by the Nebraska Association of County Officials to clean up some of the problems, or not necessarily a problem, but some of the things that need to be taken care of in this. And so I asked Senator McDonald to include this on her because I thought it was germane. And so I'd ask you to advance AM3112. And I would answer any questions if anybody has any.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on the Vrtiska amendment, AM3112 to LB 935. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I just rise to support the Vrtiska amendment, say that this bill was heard on February 14. It did advance on a unanimous...well, almost unanimous vote. There was one senator absent. And as Senator Vrtiska said, it is mainly a clean-up bill. I think he has very adequately explained the provisions. I would just urge the adoption.